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Deeper Uganda

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Primate viewing safari with private guide

Home to adventurous gorilla treks, active chimpanzees and traditional safari wildlife viewing. In Uganda, you really can experience it all.

Start your journey along the Nile River in majestic Murchison Falls National Park. Spend four days immersed in chimpanzees in the three ecosystems of Budongo Forest, Kibale Forest, and Kyambura Gorge. Explore the beauty of Queen Elizabeth National Park's crater lakes and spot tree-climbing lions. Observe the complex behavior of mountain gorilla families in the misty hills of otherworldly Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and Virunga Mountains. Meet locals from Ugandan communities and local organizations making a positive impact.

Tubasan yukidde Welcome to Deeper Africa

Wildlife encounters, at once spontaneous and beyond imagination, result from our in-depth knowledge of seasonal wildlife migrations and patterns. Our guides possess a lifetime of African lore and all the skills of a master tracker. *It's being in the perfect place at the perfect time.*

As a worldwide team with vast experience, we provide you with exceptional personal service. We attend to every detail. We help you learn about Africa's important conservation issues. *Arrive in Africa fully prepared and ready to explore.*

We believe that local African communities must benefit and prosper from the conservation and enjoyment of Africa's wildlife. They ensure the future. Your dollars protect wildlife and wild lands, as well as support and nurture local small businesses that in turn support our safari business. *Your dollar makes change.*

Experience wondrous wildlife, enjoy local culture and discover more about the vibrant people and complicated politics unique to Africa. *We love this wild continent.*



Primate viewing with Deeper Africa

Stand within feet of mountain gorillas as they accept you

into their community without a sideways glance. Trek with confidence, knowing you'll have success watching these gentle creatures. Hear chimpanzees bounce through the trees, rustling leaves, breaking branches and maybe even calling out to family members with their loud hooting.

IT STARTS WITH THESE SOUNDS AND THEN SUDDENLY....YOU ARE AMONG THEM.

Safari schedule at a glance

International flight #1

Departs: TBD

Arrives: TBD

International flight #2

Departs: TBD

Arrives: EBB

Day 1:

Arrival in Entebbe, Uganda
Overnight at Hotel No. 5

Days 2, 3 & 4:

Bush flight to Murchison Falls National Park
Overnights at Nile Safari Lodge

Days 5 & 6:

Bush flight to Kibale National Park
Overnights at Primates Lodge

Days 7 & 8:

Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park
Overnights at Kyambura Gorge Lodge

Days 9 & 10:

Drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
Overnights at Bwindi Lodge

Days 11, 12 & 13:

Bush flight to Mgahinga National Park
Overnights at Gahinga Lodge

Day 14:

Drive to Kigali, Rwanda for international departure

DAY 1

Hotel No. 5 Entebbe

Upon clearing customs at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, a driver will greet you holding a Deeper Africa sign with your name on it. He'll transport you to Hotel No. 5.

Uganda is a nation saturated in diverse, natural beauty. Over the next two weeks, explore a wide breadth of its ecosystems starting with the Nile River valley and then moving to the lush evergreen rainforest of Kibale National Park. Cruise through the savannas and wetlands within Queen Elizabeth National Park and trek the high forests of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and the Virunga Mountains. Get a good night's rest. Your adventures begin tomorrow.

Includes:
Swimming Pool
WiFi



DAYS 2-4

Nile Safari Lodge

Murchison Falls National Park

This is one of only two places in Uganda where Rothschild giraffes are found.

Wildlife viewing
Get your checklist ready

Antelopes, Buffalo, Bushbuck, Chimpanzees, Crocodiles, Elephants, Hippos, Hyenas, Hartebeests, Kobs, Leopards, Lions, Rothschild giraffes, Warthogs

Activities included
Keep your camera close

Chimpanzee trekking in Budongo Forest
Hike to the top of the Falls
Boat to the bottom of the Falls
Boat into the Nile delta

With amazing wildlife, dramatic geology and the world's longest river, remote Murchison Falls is Uganda's largest and oldest national park. The upper Nile River and Lake Albert meet here before the Nile continues north to Egypt. The serene forest contrasts with the river's raging waters as they cascade over the Rift Valley. Embark on a Nile River cruise to the roaring Devil's Cauldron section at the base of Murchison Falls. Take in the spectacular view from the top.

Ferry north, across the river for the Buligi Tracks, following them through open savanna grasslands, woodlands, acacia trees and river vegetation. Most of the park's wildlife is in this area, including 76 species of mammals and four of the "Big Five." Get ready to see the largest pods of hippo anywhere.

Ernest Hemingway crashed his plane here in 1954, flying from Kenya to Congo. Luckily, no one was hurt.

Includes:
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Alcohol & Beverages
Laundry
Swimming Pool
WiFi

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 Breakfast
 Lunch
 Dinner
 Laundry
 WiFi

DAYS 5-6

Primates Lodge Kibale National Park

After breakfast, begin your bush flight to the verdant green Bunyaruguru Crater Lake region near Kibale National Park, one of the most beautiful parts of Uganda. Primates Lodge offers stunning views of the distant snowcapped peaks of the legendary Rwenzori Mountains or “Mountains of the Moon.”

You will have the opportunity for two chimpanzee treks while you’re in Kibale Forest. Join a community guide to tour the area known as the Bigodi Wetlands, home to a dazzling array of birds including the striking great blue touraco and small primates such as vervets, colobus and blue monkey. This is your opportunity to view seven species of lower-order monkeys.



<p>Wildlife viewing <i>Get your checklist ready</i></p>	<p>Activities included <i>Keep your camera close</i></p>
<p>Chimpanzees, Black and white colobus monkey, Blue monkey, Grey cheeked mangabey, L’Hoest’s monkey, Olive baboon, Red colobus monkey, Red-tailed monkey</p>	<p>Chimpanzee trekking Bigodi Wetlands walk Lake Nyinambuga Crater drive</p>

Uganda, home to over 5,000 chimpanzees, is one of the most important countries in Africa for conservation of these captivating creatures.

Kibale Forest is considered the premiere destination to view chimps in East Africa due to having the largest and most dense population in Uganda. Following close in numbers, Budongo Forest in Muchison Falls National Park also boasts large populations of chimps in Uganda, as well as East Africa's largest mahogany forest. In Queen Elizabeth National Park, Kyambura Gorge is a remote, hidden gem for chimpanzee trekking.

More than 1,500 chimps live in Kibale Forest—Uganda's highest concentration.

Chimp tracking begins early in Kibale Forest. Chimps move frequently, so prepare to move with them. Your ranger will lead you through the forest underbrush, listening for their telltale hoots and screeches. Take in the beautiful scenery and sounds of birds, insects and monkeys in the branches. It can take time to find the chimps. The thrill of seeing a face much like your own staring back at you couldn't be more worth it. Observe and follow them as they feed, play, groom and go about their daily activities.



DAYS 7-8

Kyambura Gorge Lodge

Queen Elizabeth National Park

*Wildlife viewing
Get your checklist ready*

Buffalo, Bushbuck, Elephants, Flamingos, Giant forest hog, Hyenas, Kob, Leopard, Lions, Ostriches, Pelicans, Rhinos, Shoebill stork, Waterbuck, Warthog, Wildebeests

*Activities included
Keep your camera close*

Chimpanzee trekking in the gorge
Kazinga Channel boat safari
Wildlife viewing

Depart Kibale for Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda's best location for traditional wildlife viewing. Its diverse ecosystems include sprawling savannas, crater lakes, winding water channels and dense forest. There are plentiful herds of kob, Uganda's national animal.

Cruise the Kazinga Channel, a 20 mile (32 km) waterway linking Lakes Edward and George, spotting plentiful wildlife stopping for a drink. Observe famous tree-climbing lions in fig trees on the remote Ishasha plains and enjoy watching grunting hippos near the Ishasha River.

Morning chimpanzee trekking in the Kyambura Gorge, a unique ecosystem holding one chimpanzee family. This ecosystem use to belong to the chimpanzees, but humans clear-cut the forest for farming. Kyambura Gorge Lodge is working to rebuild this habitat and help local people coexist with the chimpanzees.

After struggling with poaching, populations of kob, buffalo, bushbuck, waterbuck, elephant, giant forest hog and warthog are recovering here.

- Includes:*
- Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - Dinner
 - Alcohol & Beverages
 - Laundry
 - Swimming Pool
 - WiFi

The Resilient Chimps of Kyambura

In a remote corner of Queen Elizabeth National Park lies the hidden enclave of Kyambura Gorge. This verdantly beautiful canyon, just under 8 miles (12.8 kms) long, is the last sliver of habitat for one of Uganda's endangered chimpanzee families. Fortunately, most of this space is within the protected boundary of Queen Elizabeth National Park, but there remains a section outside the park. Until recently, the outside portion was surrounded by banana farms. Understandably, the nearness of bananas proved irresistible to the chimps and constant conflict was the result. Fortunately, that has changed thanks to the construction of a buffer zone creating additional space between chimps and humans. Now the chimps can find natural foods and the bananas are far enough away to reduce temptation.

Deeper Africa travelers can help maintain this crucial buffer zone by visiting the chimps and bringing tourist dollars to the nearby villages. Additionally, travelers can support the health and viability of the buffer zone by planting seedlings.

Learn more at <https://volcanoes-safaris.com/community-project/tree-planting-project/>



DAYS 9-10

Bwindi Lodge

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Shrouded in mist, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest appears suspended in the clouds. This ancient rainforest and designated UNESCO World Heritage site is one of Africa's most biologically diverse areas.

In the morning, learn about gorilla trekking etiquette at park headquarters before Ugandan park guides lead you into the forest. Trekking lasts between one and five hours. Along the way, listen and look for Bwindi's more than 350 bird species and a variety of other primates before the excitement of seeing the first gorilla. Habituated by researchers, gorillas are accustomed to human presence but still curious. Watch them eat, groom and interact with one another just several feet away.

Enjoy a walk in the local village of Buhoma with a stop at the famous Bwindi Bar.

Wildlife viewing <i>Get your checklist ready</i>	Activities included <i>Keep your camera close</i>	Available activities <i>Keep your camera close</i>
Mountain Gorillas, Antelopes, Baboons, Chimpanzees, Elephants, L'Hoest's monkeys	Gorilla trekking Visit the Bwindi Bar Nature walk on the slopes of Bwindi	Buhoma village cultural walk Visit Ride 4 a Woman Visit local hospital Waterfall hike

Includes:
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Gorilla Porters

Porters are available to carry your daypack, water, and lunch. You may not feel you need one, but we recommend hiring a porter anyway. Here's why:

Porters are typically young people without many other opportunities. They need work. They only get the opportunity to porter once a month. Typically, their other days are spent working on the family subsistence farm. That's essential work, but it doesn't help them with the cash and the learning they get from helping international guests. A porter doesn't just carry your gear. Like any good caddy, the porter gives you pro tips and shares the kind of local lore that will enlighten your adventure. They are familiar with the trails, terrain, and the condition of the forests. They will make a hard trek possible by pulling and pushing you through; a much needed hand.

So, hiring a porter is so much more than just lightening your load. It's important that all community members benefit from gorilla conservation through work and learning opportunities. They will make a hard trek possible by pulling and pushing you through; a much needed hand.

The porter program is one of the initiatives that the gorilla rangers developed to build community support for mountain gorilla protection.

The survival of gorillas and the welfare of local communities are inextricably linked. Support the people, as well as the primates. The money porters earn is one of the direct benefits of tourism in communities.

\$20

is the cost

\$5

Gratuity is recommended

Critically endangered mountain gorillas are the only great apes whose wild populations are increasing, largely due to the work of

Gorilla Doctors, and the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project.

480

mountain gorillas in the Virunga Massif 2010

604

mountain gorillas in the Virunga Massif 2016

1,063

total mountain gorillas in the wild NOW, largest population recorded

The world's only endangered animal to receive regular vet care



Follow a gorilla family online and learn more at www.gorilladoctors.org

Gorilla Doctors provides medical care to ill and injured gorillas in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Rwanda's Parc National des Volcans and the DRC's Virunga National Park. Veterinarians, rangers, guides and conservationists monitor each gorilla's health, note any developing problems and intervene in emergencies. Gorilla Doctors owns its own vet school.

This work has helped save the species from extinction and even contributed to a baby boom.

We're happy to arrange a meeting with Gorilla Doctors for you after you trek, with the option to privately join the doctors on their rounds. This conservation success story demonstrates how your visit can change the future of an endangered species for the better.

DAYS 11-13

Gahinga Lodge Mgahinga National Park

Take a bush flight south into the Virunga Mountains. Watch the terrain from the air, you'll see farmland and eventually the protected land of Mgahinga National Park. Mgahinga is one sector of the Virunga Mountains. The other sectors are in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. These sectors of the Virunga Mountains hold more than half of the last mountain gorillas left on the planet.

<p>Wildlife viewing <i>Get your checklist ready</i></p>	<p>Activities included <i>Keep your camera close</i></p>
<p>Mountain Gorillas, Antelopes, Baboons, Chimpanzees, Elephants, L'Hoest's monkeys</p>	<p>Gorilla trekking Golden monkey trekking Hiking on the Virunga volcanoes Cultural visit</p>

Includes:
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Alcohol & Beverages
Laundry
WiFi

Batwa

Known as the “keepers of the forest,” the Batwa people are indigenous to the region and have lived amongst the great apes in Bwindi and the Virunga Mountains for generations.

The Batwa survived in the forests of Bwindi and the Virunga Mountains by hunting small game, gathering plants and fruits, living in caves, and constructing huts of leaves and branches. Much of their homelands were destroyed when the forests were clear-cut for agriculture. Later, the Batwa were removed from their land to make way for national parks to protect the mountain gorillas. Displacement into a modern and unfamiliar world, with limited education, has been a difficult journey for them.

Gahinga Lodge has supported the local Batwa community by assisting them in building small homes, a community center and ensuring there is land available for agriculture. The Gahinga Batwa community is comprised of over 100 adults and children. The Batwa have worked to create an experience for travelers that allows them to share their heritage and traditions with the world. Hike through the forest with a local Batwa guide and see it from their unique perspective. Their spirituality is in the trees, plants, animals, and birds. Hear ancient stories and songs from the elders and other community members.

DAY 14

Flights & International Travel

After breakfast, drive south to the Ugandan border for a crossing over into Rwanda. Then drive the distance with your Deeper Africa guide to Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. The drive is about 3.5 hours. We will deliver you to the international airport in time for your departure flight.

Flight #1 (Day 14)

Departs | KGL

Arrives | TBD

Flight #2 (Day 15)

Departs | TBD

Arrives | TBD

Includes:
Breakfast

2024 Pricing:

\$21,300 - \$25,500

2024 Custom Pricing & Departures

Mar 1 – May 31

Nov 1 – Dec 14

- 2 guests: \$23,500 USD per person
- 4 guests: \$22,000 USD per person
- 6 guests: \$21,300 USD per person
- Single supplement: \$6,000 USD

Dec 15 – Feb 29

Jun 1 – Oct 31

- 2 guests: \$25,500 USD per person
- 4 guests: \$24,000 USD per person
- 6 guests: \$23,500 USD per person
- Single supplement: \$7,500 USD

All pricing is in US dollars. Arrival is through Entebbe, Uganda and departure is through Kigali, Rwanda. Prices do not include international airfare. Gorilla and chimpanzee permit prices and park fees fluctuate. All itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Deeper Uganda safari includes:

- Start-to finish safari expertise
- Accommodations in all lodges and tented camps
- All meals as specified in itinerary
- All gorilla and chimp permits, park fees and entrance fees
- Chimpanzee trekking, gorilla trekking, hike to the top of Murchison Falls, boat safari to the bottom of the Falls, boat safari to the Nile delta, Bigodi Wetlands guided walk and private boat safari on the Kazinga Channel
- All in-country transportation
- Safe drinking water available at all times
- Enrollment with Flying Doctors Evacuation Service
- Beverages in your safari vehicle
- Alcohol and beverages at some camps and lodges
- Laundry at some camps and lodges
- Curated list of Cultural Resources
- Vaccinations and Visa support
- Extensive pre-departure briefing and materials including health information, reading list and map

International airfare and gratuities not included. Certain brands of alcohol and beverages not included in some camps.

We plan your adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you're traveling. Still, animals are not in a zoo. They run freely and we cannot always anticipate their movements.



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